

[English]

**Reduction in Price of Sugar**

3314. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the price of sugar in the future;

(b) if not, reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to start more sugar mills in the public sectors; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of Government at present to reduce the retail issue price of levy sugar.

(b) Since there has been no reduction in any of the factors which go into the computation of retail issue price of levy sugar, the question of its reduction does not arise.

(c) The Central Government does not propose specific locations for setting up of new sugar mills in any part of the country. Entrepreneurs submit their applications keeping in view the techno economic viability of the projects. These applications are considered by the Government according to the licensing policy guidelines in the force at that time. As such, it is not possible to indicate the number of factories to be set up in the Public Sector.

[Translation]

**Project for Supply of Drinking Water in Cuttack, Orissa with World Bank Assistance**

3315. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for provision of drinking water facilities in Cuttack district, Orissa, is being implemented by the Government with the assistance of World Bank or any other international institution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure and the year of its likely completion;

(d) whether the implementation of the project is being delayed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) There is no ongoing project for provision of drinking water in Cuttack district, Orissa, with the assistance of World Bank or an International Institution. However, a project (Phasell) is being implemented in Cuttack, Puri and Balasore districts with the assistance from Government of Denmark.

(b) The details of the project in Cuttack are as under:—

| S.No | Name of Block | No. of Villages involved | No of tubewells Required | Provided upto August 1991 |
|------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.   | Kendrapara    | 129                      | 610                      | 155                       |
| 2.   | Marshaghai    | 105                      | 472                      | 112                       |
| 3.   | Kujong        | 160                      | 625                      | 188                       |

(c) Out of the total project cost of Rs. 3609.82 lakhs for the three districts, a sum of Rs. 1985.25 lakhs has been spent so far. Seperate information for Cuttack is not maintained at the level of Central Government. The tentative date of completion of the project is 31st December 1993.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) After completion of 60% works of Phase II A and Phase IIB, It was found that the drinking water quality in certain tubewells already installed is not acceptable because of high iron content etc. It was decided that a detailed hydrogeological investigations be made in the affected areas. After completion of investigations and rehabilitation works further works in Phase II will be implemented.

#### **Cold Storages**

3316. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages, State wise, functioning at present in the country; and

(b) the facilities being provided under various schemes for setting up cold storages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A statement showing the number of cold storages, functioning at present in the country State-wise is enclosed.

(b) The National Cooperative Development Corporation is providing financial assistance for establishment of large cold storages in the Cooperative Sector. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have various Plan Schemes for development of

cold storage facilities at major airports, railway stations and production centres.

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>State/U.T.</i> | <i>No. of Cold Storages</i> |
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#### **(A) Under Cold Storage Order, 1980.**

|     |                   |     |
|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1.  | Andhra Pradesh    | 56  |
| 2.  | Assam             | 3   |
| 3.  | Bihar             | 223 |
| 4.  | Gujarat           | 139 |
| 5.  | Goa               | 27  |
| 6.  | Himachal Pradesh  | 14  |
| 7.  | Jammu & Kashmir   | 16  |
| 8.  | Kerala            | 108 |
| 9.  | Karnataka         | 77  |
| 10. | Maharashtra       | 233 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh    | 112 |
| 12. | Nagaland          | 1   |
| 13. | Orissa            | 47  |
| 14. | Rajasthan         | 45  |
| 15. | Tamil Nadu        | 83  |
| 16. | Tripura           | 3   |
| 17. | Andaman & Nicobar | 1   |
| 18. | Chandigarh(UT)    | 11  |
| 19. | Delhi (UT)        | 92  |
| 20. | Lakshadweep(UT)   | 1   |